

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

S120750

**PEOPLE v. PEARSON
(KEVIN DARNELL)**

Opinion filed: Affirmed in part, reversed in part

The judgment is reversed as to the sentence of death, the jury's findings that defendant personally used a dangerous or deadly weapon (sections 667.1, 12022, 12022.3), the jury's true finding on the special circumstance of murder with the infliction of torture (section 190.2, subd. (1)(18)), and the state prison sentence. The judgment is otherwise affirmed. The case is remanded to the trial court for a new penalty trial and for resentencing in a manner consistent with our opinion.

Majority opinion by Werdegar, J.

-- joined by Cantil-Sakauye, C. J., Kennard, Baxter, Chin, Corrigan, and Liu, JJ.

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**VANDERMOST (JULIE) v.
BOWEN (DEBRA)/(CITIZENS
REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION)**

Request for extended media coverage granted

The request for extended media coverage, filed by The Associated Press on January 6, 2012, is hereby granted, subject to the conditions set forth in rule 1.150, California Rules of Court.